TKE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Against a requirement of 43.7 million Tonnes of products, 42 million tonnes are estimated to be produced in the country during 1986-87.

(b) The country today is self-sufficient in its refining; capacity, but there wiil be a balancing import| export of certain products to match the exact re-quiremens of the country. Efforts are always made to augment refining capacity suitably.

Off-shore rigs purchased by ONGC

1767. SHRI jKALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) wiiether ONGC has purchased c*ome* off-shore rigs from some firms of Japan, Singapore and France;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of those rigs were found to be defective; and

(d) if so, whether necessary com pensation has been obtained from the concerned firms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Yea Sir. The details are aa follows:_,-

Jack up rigs	Number
(i) Hitachi Zosen, Japan .	3
(ii) Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Japan	1
(iii) Robin Shipyard Pvt. Ltd., Singapore . . .	2
(iv) CFEM, France ⁞ . .	1
Drillships	
Hitachi Zosen, Japan . .	1

(c) The legs of the jack up rigs built in Singapore and France deve loped cracks.

(d) The Warantee period of these rigs had already expired before the cracks and as such no compensation could be claimed from the suppliers. Claims have, however, been lodged with the insurance company.

Amount allocated to ONGC for OH Exploration

1768. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Wil! the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to ONGC during the last financial year for oil exploration and other developmental activities;

(b) whether these funds were fully utilised; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATl SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b> ONGC has utilised the plan allocation of Ra. 2100 crores (RE 1385-86) according to the available provisional figures.

(c) Does not arise.

Consumption of petrol and petroleum products

17169. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister o* PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken to reduce the consumption of petrol and petroleum products so as to 6ave foreign exchange involved in their imports; and

(b) what measures have been taken during the last two years, year-wise in this regard?